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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)
PERFORMING END-TO-SIDE)
ANASTOMOSIS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/395,901, filed September 14, 1999, now allowed. Prior to examination of the present of the present application, please amend the application to pursue claims 1 to 39 and 62 which were canceled pursuant to the Restriction Requirement of June 27, 2000 in the parent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

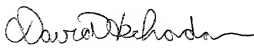
Please cancel claims 40 to 61.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section of the application found at page 1, lines 4 to 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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